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Gentlemen:

I am a firm believer in free enterprise, but abuses of the system simply don't further free enterprise. Microsoft has engaged in tactics which are restrictive of markets and are bad for competition.

As a principal in a web development firm, I have watched initiative after initiative which Microsoft has promoted as "progress" which have resulted in customers having less choice and being committed to inferior software and solutions. Its latest attempts, .NET and Passport, threaten to undermine the open standards of the web which have made it such a successful communications medium. .NET and Passport are closed technologies which, like EDI in the past, will restrict information flow in a costly and non-productive manner.

I urge you to reject the proposed Microsoft settlement.

Thank you.

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